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I, Yoshihiro KATSU, 26-10, Tenjin 2-chome, Nagaokakyo-shi, Kyoto-fu, Japan, do hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese language, and I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the attached English translation is a true and correct translation of the Japanese patent applications No. 2000-133500 filed on May 2, 2000.

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Applicant: Yoshihiro KONAKA et al.

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Filed: May 1, 2001

Title: PROCESS OF MAKING AN

ACCELERATION DETECTING

ELEMENT

Art Unit: 2856

Examiner: H. Kwok

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Moriya et al. (U.S. 2001/0004847). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit herewith a certified translation of Japanese priority application No. 2000-133500. Since the filing date of Moriya et al. (December 14, 2000) is <u>after</u> the filing date of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-133500 (May 2, 2000), Applicants respectfully submit that Moriya et al. is not a proper reference in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal

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of the rejection of claims 1-4 over Moriya et al.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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